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ARGY-BARGY: England's David Beckham

ARMCHAIR England fans will be in telly heaven today with a 30-hour sporting bonanza on the box. The action includes Becks and his boys taking on old enemy Argentina, our cricketing heroes going in to bat against Pakistan, while our rugby union and league teams tackle Australia and New Zealand.

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DIED: Snapper Lichfield

Queen cousin tribute

by NIGEL PAULEY

THE Queen led tributes last night to her cousin Lord Lichfield, who died after a stroke.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "The Queen is deeply saddened and will be sending private condolences."

The 66-year-old society snapper died yesterday in hospital in Oxford.

His long-term partner Lady Annunziata Asquith, 56, was at his bedside.

Pin-up

Lichfield was official photographer at Charles and Diana's wedding.

He also worked on the Unipart pin-up calendar and took on other showbiz assignments.

One of his final jobs was taking an 80th birthday portrait of Baroness Thatcher last month. She said: "He had a rare skill which is now sadly gone."

Lichfield, who lived on Shugborough Estate near Stafford, had three children with ex-wife Lady Leonora Grosvenor.



TOO RISKY: Gordon Brown

Gord in waiting

by MACER HALL, Political Editor

GORDON Brown will not challenge Tony Blair in the wake of his first Commons defeat.

But the Chancellor expects his allies to step up the pressure on the embattled PM to quit.

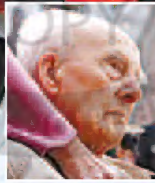
Already Labour backbencher Jeremy Corbyn, 56, has warned that Mr Blair is likely to be forced to quit if he loses another Commons vote.

Tatters

Mr Corbyn said: "He will then have to leave, not at a time of his choosing but at a time of the political events that he's provoked."

Mr Blair's authority is seen to be in tatters at Westminster following the Commons mauling of his anti-terror crackdown.

And Mr Brown, 54, believes backbenchers should demand a date from Mr Blair, 52, for his departure from No.10.



HEROES ALL: Chelsea pensioners at Lloyds in the City of London and, left, oldest WW1 veteran Henry Allingham, in France

Pictures: PA, AP, REUTERS



SILENT TRIBUTE: Isabel Utterson, 9, in London

We remember

■ MILLIONS of people throughout Britain fell silent at 11am yesterday to mark Armistice Day and remember all those who have died in war.

The Two Minute Silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month represents the moment when the guns fell silent in 1918, to mark the end of the First World War.

As Big Ben chimed 11 o'clock an estimated 45 million people of all ages stopped what they were doing to honour the fallen and towns and cities came to a standstill.

Britain's oldest veteran, 109-year-old Henry Allingham, travelled to France to lay a wreath at the first permanent memorial to British air personnel from the Western Front.

DOC AROUND THE CLOCK!



DOCTORS' surgeries could soon be open all hours.

Only a few now operate from 8am to 8pm, but Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt wants to prescribe that for more of us.

She said yesterday: "What we are hearing loud and clear is that, although people are very happy with the service they receive from their GP, they are less

happy with access and convenience."

She added: "Banks and supermarkets are open 24/7.

"Where the local population want longer opening hours, we have to make sure that GPs can deliver it."

The move is part of a major health shake-up designed to meet the needs of a round-the-clock society. But a suggestion

that private firms could be used to provide late-night services is likely to anger many Labour backbenchers.

GPs' leaders have also expressed doubts about private firms.

But, after Prime Minister Tony Blair's defeat on the proposed detention law, it is feared that controversial plans for the health service could be pushed through without legislation.

Ms Hewitt, 57, warned: "If GPs don't want to lead primary care services in these areas, then of course we need to go elsewhere."

Register

"We are not going to leave people in deprived areas without the services that they need."

Other reforms could include patients being able to register with more than one GP - perhaps using a second doctor near their workplace.

Surgeries could also be staffed by nurses and pharmacists once doctors had gone home.

It was also announced yesterday that these two professions could soon be able to prescribe medicines, other than controlled drugs, if they are prepared to take special training.

The British Medical Association has branded the plan "irresponsible and dangerous" and has called for an urgent meeting with Ms Hewitt.

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No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 jackpot

SATURDAY LOTTO
NOVEMBER 5
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Two tickets win the £9.5m jackpot
EXTRA: 7, 20, 31, 37, 42, 47 T'Ball: 1, 13, 24, 30, 31 (7th 5)
No Extra winners. One T'Ball winner.

WEDNESDAY LOTTO
NOVEMBER 9
1 15 23 30 45 49 33
Three winners share £2.9 million jackpot.
Extra: 7, 12, 18, 27, 42, 44 T'Ball: 4, 12, 14, 18, 26 (7th 12)
No Extra winners of £2.4 m jackpot. Two £250k T'ball winners.

EURO MILLIONS
FRIDAY, NOV 11
15, 16, 36, 41, 42
Lucky Star Numbers 3, 5

Happy Birthday

Former Friends star David Schwimmer, who played Ross Geller in the sitcom, is 39 today



Thought for the day...

If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

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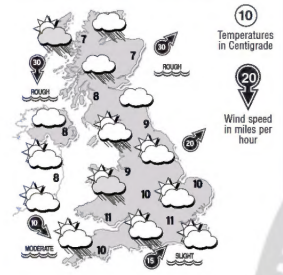
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INFO STATION

TODAY: Chilly. Much of England and Wales will be fine, but western parts will be showery. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain spreading south across most areas, but southern Scotland will remain mainly dry.

OUTLOOK: Most of the UK will be cold at first tomorrow, then dry and bright. On Monday, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy. England and Wales will remain bright.



THREE-DAY OUTLOOK
All forecasts and maps provided by PA WeatherCentre



Sunday Fair



Monday Fair



Tuesday Showers

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Alicante	rain	15c (59F)	Moscow	fog	0c (32F)
Corfu	sunny	19c (65F)	New York	cloudy	15c (54F)
Dublin	rain	11c (52F)	Nice	sunny	21c (70F)
L.A. Angeles	cloudy	17c (63F)	Paris	cloudy	10c (50F)
Majorca	fair	19c (65F)	Rhodes	sunny	19c (66F)
Miami	sunny	27c (81F)	Rome	sunny	18c (64F)
			Tenerife	sunny	24c (75F)

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A touch of Klass

SEXY Myleene Klass will be presenting gongs to other top acts tomorrow when she hosts a star-studded bash.

The 27-year-old is co-presenting the Variety Club 53rd Annual Showbusiness Awards with Big Brother 2 winner Brian Dowling, 27.

The ceremony will be held in association with Daily Star publisher Express Newspapers and LIVINGtv.

Myleene, now presenting cd:uk, said: "These awards bring together the cream of showbusiness. I look forward to working with Brian."

Other big names at the bash,

■ by MARK JEFFERIES

where Showbusiness Personality of the Year will be named, include Carol Vorderman, 44, Simon Cowell, 46, and Gordon Ramsay, 38.

Readers from our sister paper have voted in their thousands for The Daily Express Readers' Award for Most Popular Presenter.

The nominees for the award are Carol and former Countdown co-star Richard Whiteley, who died in June aged 61, This Morning's Fern Britton, 48, and Philip Schofield, 43, and C4's Richard & Judy (49 and 57).

Con Artists: Page 34

Britain goes booze and betting mad as nation's super



Picture: JED LEICESTER

SNIFFLE: Becks prepares for big match

£100M AND 100M PINTS

by TOM SAVAGE

PROUD England fans are set to down 100 million pints and gamble £100 million during the biggest sporting day of the year.

Landlords, off-licences and supermarkets have stocked up for the marathon four-sport booze bender. And Ladbrokes reckon £100 million will be wagered on the massive day's action and have drafted in extra staff.

Over the weekend fans can cheer on England or Great Britain for 30 hours – from 4am today until 10pm tomorrow. The England cricketers are in action in the first Test

in Pakistan. England's rugby union stars are taking on Australia and the Great Britain rugby league team plays New Zealand.

Then there's the football grudge match between England and Argentina.

And live action from around the world carries on through the night.

Industry experts predict double the normal 50 million pints could be consumed by armchair fans.

Busy

Asda's Mike Regnier said booze was flying off their shelves. He said: "Customers have stocked up for the sporting marathon."

And a spokesman for the British Beer and Pub Association said: "It'll certainly be a busy weekend."

Ladbrokes are even offering a 100-1 three-way bet on England's football team to win 2-1, the rugby union team to beat Australia and the cricket team to win the series in Pakistan 1-0.

Spokesman Robin Hutchison said: "We're gearing up for a massive betting weekend. The patriotic punt is on!"

More than 66% of Daily Star readers said England footballers were wrong to be out boozing before the big game.

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Tune in & chill out

4am: Cricket, Pakistan v England (Sky Sports 2)

2.30pm: Rugby union: England v Australia (Sky Sports 1)

4.45pm: Football, England v Argentina (BBC1)

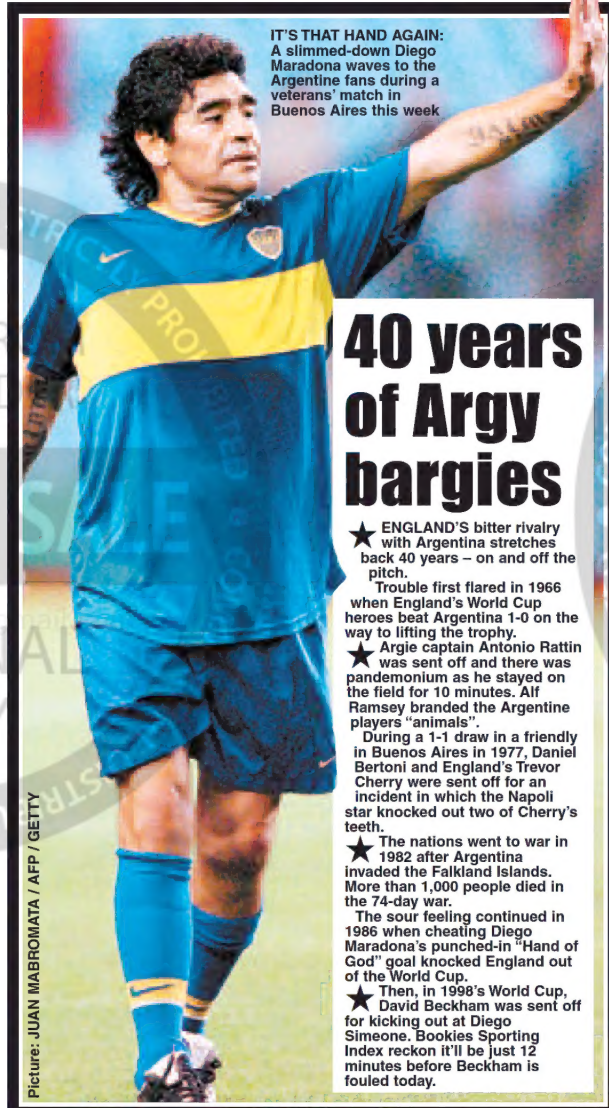
6.15pm: Rugby league: Great Britain v New Zealand (Sky Sports 1)

7.45pm: Football, France v Germany (EuroSport)

10.15pm: Tennis, semi-finals of the WTA championships (EuroSport)

4am Sunday: Cricket, Pakistan v England (Sky Sports 2)

...and you don't have to leave the armchair



IT'S THAT HAND AGAIN: A slimmed-down Diego Maradona waves to the Argentine fans during a veterans' match in Buenos Aires this week

40 years of Argy bargies

★ **ENGLAND'S** bitter rivalry with Argentina stretches back 40 years – on and off the pitch.

Trouble first flared in 1966 when England's World Cup heroes beat Argentina 1-0 on the way to lifting the trophy.

★ **Argie** captain Antonio Rattin was sent off and there was pandemonium as he stayed on the field for 10 minutes. Alf Ramsey branded the Argentine players "animals".

During a 1-1 draw in a friendly in Buenos Aires in 1977, Daniel Berton and England's Trevor Cherry were sent off for an incident in which the Napoli star knocked out two of Cherry's teeth.

★ The nations went to war in 1982 after Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. More than 1,000 people died in the 74-day war.

The sour feeling continued in 1986 when cheating Diego Maradona's punched-in "Hand of God" goal knocked England out of the World Cup.

★ Then, in 1998's World Cup, David Beckham was sent off for kicking out at Diego Simeone. Bookies Sporting Index reckon it'll be just 12 minutes before Beckham is fouled today.

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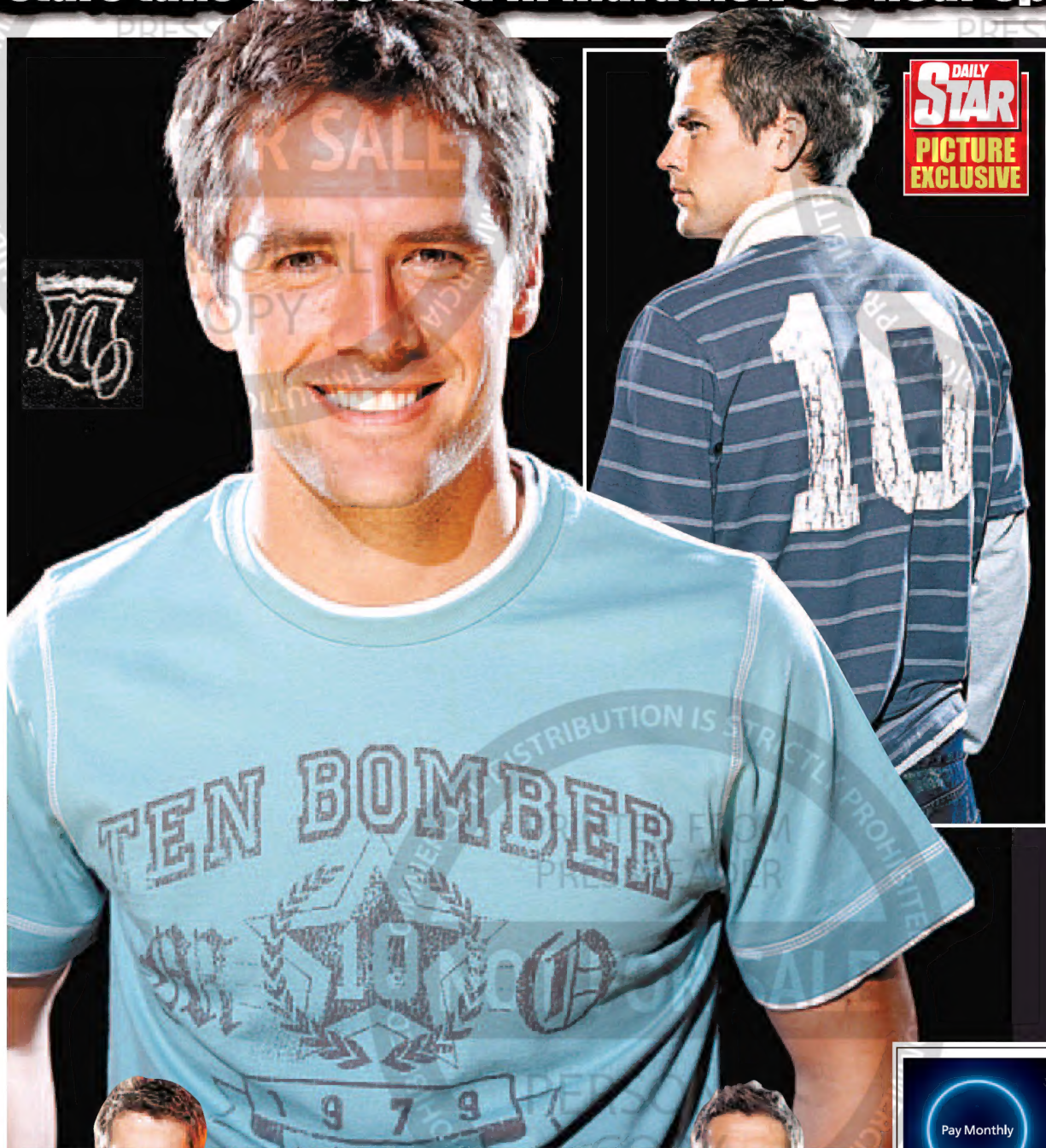
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LEGGY: Crouch figure

Crouch flickin' useless

■ by JOHN MAHONEY
TABLE-TOP soccer fans are snapping up models of beapole striker Peter Crouch...only to find he can't score at Subbuteo either.

The game's official flick-to-kick figures are 30 millimetres high.

Now, supersize 45mm models of the 6ft 7in Liverpool and England forward are being sold on eBay for £5 a time.

But Crouch, 24 - who is suffering a goal drought on the pitch - fails to stand head and shoulders above the rest



BIG FLOP: Crouch

at Subbuteo either: His awkward aero-dynamics mean he falls over when he's flicked.

Crouch has not scored in his 14 appearances for Liverpool.

Pete Whitehead, of Subbuteo World, said: "Someone has taken two old Subbuteo players, cut the legs off one of them and then glued them on to the other player so he's got extended legs."

Model Owen scores Ten

ENGLAND striker Michael Owen hopes to net another winner with his latest fashion range.

The 25-year-old hunk came over all mean and moody to model designs from the Ten brand, to be sold at Burton.

He has been working with gear guru Colin Wolfenden, 40, to create the new winter line which has references to his 1979 birth year, his Staffordshire bull terrier Bomber

■ by NADINE LINGE

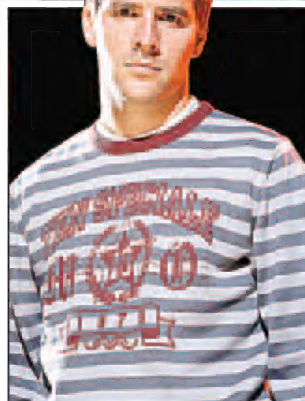
and his racehorse Speciale.

"It's called Ten after his position in the Newcastle team.

Burton's spokesman Frances Russell said: "We're delighted to be working with Michael.

"It is particularly exciting with the approach of the World Cup."

Just so long as England doesn't go for a Burton.



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OUR JOY: Brave Abi poses with her husband Benoit and their first son Joseph

ABIGAIL HAS MIRACLE SON

MEDICAL miracle Abigail Witchalls gave birth to a boy last night - seven months after being paralysed in a knife attack.

Abigail, 26, was only allowed home last week after being stabbed in the neck in front of first son Joseph, two.

But she was rushed back to St George's Hospital, south London, by ambulance at 5.30am yesterday after her contractions began.

She gave birth by Caesarean section - a month prematurely - at

■ by TOM SAVAGE

2.30pm, and mum and baby were said to be "doing well" last night.

Husband Benoit, 27, was at her hospital bedside with Joseph, and Abigail was well enough to cradle the unnamed tot in her arms.

Fantastic

A spokesman for the hospital in Tooting said: "Abigail and Benoit Witchalls are delighted to announce the birth of a healthy baby boy at 2.30pm weighing 5lbs6oz. The

delivery went very well and mother and baby are doing fine."

A friend of the family revealed: "Everyone's delighted for her. It's a fantastic early Christmas present. The baby might be a little early but everyone's doing well."

Abigail won the hearts of the nation after the savage attack on April 30. She was walking Joseph in his pushchair in a lane near her home in Little Bookham, Surrey.

Prime suspect in the attempted murder, drug-crazed loner Richard Cazaly, 23, killed himself by taking an overdose before the police could find him. He left behind notes apparently confessing to the crime.

Abigail's injuries were so severe doctors feared she would die - and she was read the last rites.

She was pregnant at the time of the attack. Medics said it was unlikely the tot would survive.

Now she is looking forward to returning to their specially-modified home built by Benoit.

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Tragedy to triumph

April 20 2005: Pregnant Abigail is stabbed in Little Bookham, Surrey while with first son Joseph. **April 21:** Abigail lies paralysed and unable to speak in hospital. **April 25&26:** Abigail mouths "yes" or "no" to police questions and

describes the attacker. **April 30:** Richard Cazaly, 23, kills himself in Inverness. **May 4:** Abigail is transferred to a special spinal injuries unit. **May 12:** Police say Cazaly was the prime suspect. **May 18:** Abigail's

husband, Benoit, helps a BBC Crimewatch reconstruction. **November 3:** Able to breathe and speak, and with some movement in her right arm, she is discharged from hospital. **November 11:** Second child is born.

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BLAST: Dennis Taylor

Dance fury of Dennis

by PETER DYKE
STRICTLY Come Dancing star Dennis Taylor has blasted the judges for being too cruel.

The 56-year-old snooker ace claims the experts are treating the contestants like professionals instead of amateurs.

He says most of the stars are novices and have only a week to learn the routines, rarely earning praise for their hard work.

And he has challenged the judges - who include acid-tongued Arlene Phillips, 49, and Craig Revel Horwood, 37 - to have a week of snooker lessons and play against him to see how they fare.

Nasty

Dennis - who is the bookies' favourite to get the chop tonight - said: "What has knocked me for six about this show is the criticism from the judges."

"There's criticism - and then there's being nasty."

He added: "What I'm going to do with Craig Revel Horwood is buy him a cue and see what he can do with that in five days."

But a show source said: "The judges are professional choreographers and they judge the performances on merit, regardless of whether the stars are amateurs or not."

Strictly Come Dancing is on BBC1 tonight 6.45pm with the results at 9.15pm.

Union leader

X-FACTOR favourite Shayne Ward is singing with union backing.

Students at Manchester Metropolitan University passed a union resolution to vote for Shayne to win the TV talent search.

And they followed it up with posters calling for all students to back the 21-year-old former shop assistant from nearby Clayton.

Jenny Hoffbrand, 22, who proposed the resolution, said: "As students in Manchester, I think it's our duty to support the local hopeful. He's become quite a cult figure on campus because he's so sexy."

According to one online betting company he is 13/8 favourite to win.

HIT'S CHICO TIME



McWHO: New Doc Tennant in Scots dress with Billie Piper

WE DON'T WANT JOCK-TOR WHO!

ANGRY Doctor Who fans want to exterminate show bosses over the Timelord's new Scottish twang.

Fan websites have been bombarded with complaints over claims the new Doctor, Scots-born David Tennant, 34, speaks in his native accent in the next episodes.

By JOHN BYNORTH
Tennant sounded English during his only appearance in the show so far at the end of the last series.

Insiders have let slip he will have a Scottish accent when the show returns at Christmas.

One fan wrote: "Doctor Who can't keep changing his accent."

X Factor 'joke' to release own single

EXCLUSIVE by PETER DYKE

X FACTOR star Chico Slimani has secretly recorded a cheeky single which he hopes will top the charts.

The 34-year-old ex-stripper plans to release the track, called Chico Time after his famous catchphrase and prove he can be a pop success.

Hunky Chico is desperate to show TV judge Simon Cowell, 46, who branded him "a joke", that he has what it takes to be a hit.

The song has been penned by X Factor vocal coach and award-winning producer Mark Hudson.

Mark, 54, helps Sharon Osbourne, 53, - who is co-hosting Top of the Pops with Fearne Cotton, 23, tomorrow - to groom her acts.

Novelty

He said: "It's not a joke tune - I don't see Chico as a novelty act."

"He can sing and he's got things to say spiritually, so it's going to be a legitimate record."

"It's a song that says, 'It doesn't matter if you're short, tall, fat, black, white or red, look at yourself and say life can be fun'."

Among the lyrics for the dance track are: "You can get delirious, if you take life too serious - it's Chico Time!"

But even if Chico, who is the bookies' fave for the chop tonight, gets booted off the show he will have to wait a few months before he can release the song.

All the finalists on the ITV show are barred from putting out any material until after the winner releases a debut single.

But a pal said: "It doesn't matter if Chico has to wait. He will be popping up all over the place creating the hype for the record."

"So by the time it comes out it will probably rocket to the top of the charts."

But we can reveal Chico has secretly turned to the power of prayer to try to save him from the chop.

Church

The former goat herder from Morocco, who has already survived the axe twice, has been attending services at London's trendy Hill Song Church with Simon Cowell's ex-girlfriend, Sinitta, 37.

Last night she said: "Chico loved coming to the church and when people saw him he was the centre of attention."

"Everyone was shouting, 'It's Chico Time!'"

"I guess everyone's prayers for Chico have worked - after all, he's been saved so far!"

"It's becoming the Church of X Factor."

X Factor goes out tonight on ITV1 at 7pm with the results show at 9.15pm.

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SPIRITUAL: Chico's to cut a new single



DOUBLE X-POSURE: Sharon, right, with Fearne

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Schoolgirl is victim of third sickening attack

by IAIN BURCHELL

A 15-YEAR-OLD schoolgirl is lucky not to have been blinded when three bullies stabbed her in the eye and head with scissors.

Natashia Jackman had just returned to classes after being mown down on Christmas Day 2003 by a hit and run driver.

She battled back to health, but had only just got over the trauma when she was repeatedly stabbed in the head, chest and back at school on Thursday.

The teenager had been targeted by bullies twice before, including a town centre incident when another girl knocked her unconscious last year.

Natashia suffered 17 wounds to the head and body in the lunch-hour attack outside the science block at Collingwood College in Camberley, Surrey.

Keen musician Natashia was near blinded after the scissors pierced her eyelid and just missed her retina.

Hair

Her dad Humperdinck told how she was taunted about her long hair by a gang of girls in the school canteen.

Natashia was stabbed when she tried to stand up to them.

Three girls – two 14-year-olds and one aged 15 – were being quizzed by police over the attack yesterday.

Mr Jackman revealed: "Natashia was hit in the head two years ago in the school grounds. Last year, she was attacked in Camberley town centre."

That attack was reported to the school and action was taken.

Describing the latest attack, he added: "When she came out of the ambulance her face was covered in blood. Her face was very swollen. All I know is that one of the blades went through her eyelid."

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SCISSOR BULLIES STAB NATASHIA, 15 IN EYE AND HEAD

NARROW ESCAPE: Natashia is lucky not to lose her sight after being stabbed with scissors like these



WORRY: Mr Oddie and Mr Jackman

Natashia when she was run over by 21-year-old driver Paulo Gananca on Christmas Day two years ago.

Gananca – charged with causing grievous bodily harm, dangerous driving and driving without insurance – did not show up at court for his trial.

Police yesterday confirmed a warrant for his arrest is still outstanding, but it was unconnected to the stabbing.

Natashia, was last night recovering at home from a minor op on her eyelid at Frimley Park Hospital.

One 14-year-old was arrested at the school on Thursday on suspicion of GBH with intent. Another 14-year-old and a girl of 15 were released on police bail after being questioned about conspiracy to commit GBH and perverting the course of justice.

Aware

Another num claimed yesterday: "Natashia suffered months of name-calling and bullying."

But college principal Jerry Oddie said he had not been aware of any previous problems.

He said: "It has shocked the whole community. We had no prior knowledge of any problem between Natashia and the girls alleged to be involved."

But he added: "Natashia has had relationship problems in the time she has been here. We have worked closely with her parents."

Mr Oddie said the school has a "very clear" policy on bullying.

Mr Jackman added: "I'm happy with the bullying policy and I think the school are doing everything they can."

The brutal attack is not the first stabbing at the school. In June 1994, 14-year-old Sharon Carr knifed a girl of 13 in the back, puncturing her lung.

Carr later admitted to stabbing to death Katie Rackliff, 18, two years earlier.

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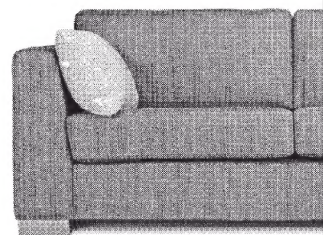


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QUICKIE..

THAT Ben Affleck is a mighty generous fella. The 33-year-old splashed out more than £10,000 on a Sol Rafael diamond ring for pregnant wife Jennifer Garner, 33, after she let slip she thought the jewellery range was great. And he's planning to whisk her away on an exotic £8,000 holiday to the Maldives in April. Ahhhh.

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Cruisin' up the aisle?

SICKENINGLY sweet couple Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise were smiles ahead of all the other guests at the BAFTA Britannia Awards in Los Angeles.

And the lovebirds - expecting their first child next year - sparked rumours they'll tie the knot in a secret, low-key

Science ceremony within weeks. There's no doubt Katie, 26, will look lovely, as she did in this dark blue frock while posing for pictures next to 42-year-old Tom.

But is it just us or does he seem somewhat tired of smiling for the cameras?

JESSICA WRITES WRONGS

JESSICA Simpson has revealed how she deals with her problems - by writing them all down. The Dukes Of Hazzard starlet, 25, who has recently been helping children with facial deformities in Nairobi, Kenya, said: "It's a way for me to know myself and my problems."

"If I don't do this, I'll push everything back until I explode."

"Sometimes it helps to talk about my feelings with friends."

Agony Aunts look out - there's a new girl on the block.



Picture: JAMES CLARKE

KERRY GOOD SHOW GIRL

THOSE "crisis" talks between Kerry Katona and Dave Cunningham certainly seemed to have worked wonders.

Only three days ago Dave, 26, moved his things out of 25-year-old Kerry's home in Warrington, Cheshire, and the pair had split up.

But they looked very loved up on a night on the tiles in Manchester.

An onlooker at the Room bar and restaurant said: "They were gazing into one another's eyes and seemed happier than ever."

IS TUMTHING UP, JEN?

Baby news comes as an Ell of a shock

HOLLYWOOD hopeful Jennifer Ellison may have more to handle than stardom - word has reached us she's pregnant.

Sources close to Jen, 22, tell us she's discovered she is expecting her first baby with businessman Tony Richardson, 26.

Apparently the news came as a huge shock to the former Brookside star who has been focusing solely on her career for the past few months.

But the pair, who live together in Liverpool, are said to be excited.

Our mole told us: "Jen's been really busy with her film work lately so starting a family was the last thing on her mind."

"It's all come as a real shock and obviously nothing has been confirmed."

"But both she and Tony are really excited. She's done a lot of

her filming and camera techniques are so advanced that it's unlikely to cause a real problem."

"Jen is desperate to have a troop of kids with Tony. She'll be a great mum."

"It's been a wonderful for time for her and it looks as though she's going to be able to have it all. She keeps saying how lucky she is."

Plans

Jen is currently in Beverly Hills, shopping and networking.

She has four films coming out next year, including the lead in a modern take on Cleopatra and a horror flick with Dexter Fletcher, 39.

She's also due in the West End in a play called Marlon Brando's Corset - but it remains to see if plans change.

Yesterday Jen enjoyed a spot of lunch at The Ivy in LA, mingling with the glitterati.

But, as our snap shows, she clearly has smaller things on her mind.



Picture: BIGPICTURES

QUICKIE..

SEXY Sugababe Kelsie Buchanan claims her mum tells her off for her kinky dress sense. The 21-year-old said: "I got told off for showing my stomach and cleavage."

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?



HUSH HUSH

WHICH football manager picks up women in a posh London hotel bar? The cheeky chap checks into the swanky venue using the name "Batman" before pulling anyone willing. Judging by the standard of his latest picking, we can't believe he has any taste at all. We're also far from surprised to hear he regularly sees a sex therapist.

SPOTTED

IN London: Amy Nuttall being photographed and causing a stir amongst other diners at MJU restaurant, Knightsbridge; Liz Hurley in Harrods food hall and Radio 1 presenters JK & Joel outside Belsize Park tube station. In Leeds: Patsy Kensit shopping in the Victoria Quarter and ex-Coronation Street babe Nikki Sanderson in Primark.

Ricky's onto a Winner

RICKY Gervais could become the new Oprah Winfrey after being offered his own chat show in the US. The 44-year-old has impressed big-wigs at Fox TV so much, they want him to have his own programme.



An insider said: "Ricky has made such a huge impact in America with his series The Office and he has been a huge hit. The ratings have been tremendous and he has such an amazing personality. He'd be sensational as a chat show host."

Emm's Pott of cash

HARRY Potter star Emma Watson has no idea how much she has earned from the movies. The 15-year-old claims the millions she's been paid for playing Hermione have been put into trust. She also admits to



leading a normal life like any other girl her age and refuses to hide from the public. She revealed: "If you put on huge sunglasses and hats like some celebrities then people are going to stare at you. But if you walk around like everyone else no-one takes a blind bit of notice." Good girl!



TA-RA, I'M OFF TO OZ

TARA Palmer-Tomkinson pulled off the chav hood look with style and grace, right, when she headed off down under.

The 33-year-old combined her hooded top with black shades and a bling diamond watch when she left Heathrow to fly to Australia where she'll present reality telly show I'm A Celebrity's coverage for ITV2. And we reckon the Tara-ific singleton could well and truly find herself a sexy surfer on an Oz beach.



Picture: BIGPICTURES

You've boobed girls...

SATURDAY morning competition time folks. Can you spot the similarity between these two pictures? Now look very carefully, ladies. You might need some help from your menfolk to make this subtle connection. Oh, who are we trying to kid? Here's Keira Knightley, 20, experiencing a provocative wardrobe malfunction, and lookie over there, left, it's former Atomic Kitten Natasha Hamilton, 23, doing the same. If you're at all interested, Knightley made her boob at the premiere of Pride and Prejudice in Manhattan. Meanwhile, Hamilton was nipping out for a night out in Soho. But let's face it, we're only showing them because they've lost their mammaries. Enjoy!

Picture: WENN

Best of sons

PARTY loving Calum Best is encouraging his dad to make a healthy recovery.

George, 59, has been battling for his life at London's Cromwell Hospital and Calum's spokesman Dave Read tells us that while the 24-year-old has been letting his hair down, he has no intention

of allowing his dad - who has had a liver transplant - drink alcohol after he leaves hospital. He said: "Calum has been brilliant with his dad and will make sure he looks after himself and gets early nights. And he isn't planning a party to celebrate his dad's recovery, as reported."

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We're on road to ruin...

ACCORDING to official figures out this week 7.2 million motorists clog Britain's roads at any one time.

That's a shocking statistic and proof why the air is becoming so polluted that our children's children will need to run on CO2 emissions instead of oxygen. So what ARE those 7.2 million doing?

3million are stuck in traffic jams because they're digging up the same bit of road they dug up last year.

2million are stuck in traffic jams because some selfish git is in the fast lane sticking rigidly to 70mph.

1million are singing along to soft metal.

34 are getting the words right.

430 are pretending the steering wheel is a drum kit.

1,500 still wear driving gloves in spite of Alan Partridge.

990 still wear driving gloves BECAUSE of Alan Partridge.

230,000 know they've got JUST enough petrol to get to the services.

3,000 of those people are about to realise they're rubbish at maths.

3.5million are looking out the window at the countryside thinking how nice it would be to live out here.

350,000 are stuck behind tractors in country lanes wishing they'd never moved out of the city.

900,000 are trying to work out exactly what their car air fresher

actually smells like because it sure as hell isn't like any pine tree that grows in a forest.

234,000 are on their way to a cheap hotel room to have sordid affairs.

233,000 are driving back having just ended one.

232,000 of those did this because they have been found out.

2million have opened up the same CD case for the 10th time, forgetting it's empty because they lost that CD a year ago.

320,000 are parents regretting suggesting to the kids in the back that they play I Spy, three hours after the game started.

700,000 are staring straight ahead so they don't have to look at the driver who's pulled alongside them at a junction to politely ask why they cut them up at the last one.

2.5million are hoping that the speed camera that just flashed was catching the person in front.

5million have nearly caused an accident because they've had to brake suddenly having just seen a speed camera, and every single one of them quite rightly thinks there's more chance of an accident now the camera's there.

72,000 think they're Jensen Button.

One of them IS Jensen Button.

And, yes, I know that's way over 7.2million, but I'm one of those people who is rubbish at maths.

After the BBC's success with Dr Who, ITV are planning their own family sci-fi series.

They claim they're not trying to rip off the BBC's shows and the title Dr What is just a coincidence.

SAY what you like about The Darkness (and I've never forgiven Joe Mott for single-handedly launching them on a world that really should have known better) but lead singer Justin Hawkins gave me the laugh of the week with his comments on Coldplay's Chris Martin in Kerrang.

As part of a tirade against the singing pamphlet he mused on Martin's habit of writing trendy slogans on his hands: "If you're concerned about Fair Trade, tattoo it on your skin, don't just write it on your hand in felt tip."

have enough self-respect left to resign if that happened.

But he hasn't. Such is the man's arrogance he doesn't have the dignity to fall on his sword.

He knows if he resigns now he will go down as the PM who was as popular as avian flu.

He is so desperate to hang on in there to pass a few more of his precious bloody reforms so his legacy will be enhanced.

Except it won't be. Because his own backbench MPs have him by

the short and curlies. NOTHING will be passed in this term without diluting compromises.

We're stuck with a lame duck prime minister and a cabinet full of chancers and idiots. It would be hilarious if we hadn't voted them in six months ago.

I wish he'd taken power after a military coup. Then we could say it wasn't fair. But it was. In a democracy you get the government you deserve. That depresses me more than anything.

BLAIR DUCKS 'N DIVES

TONY Blair finally got his terror Bill through the Commons after dropping the controversial 90-day clause.

Now Labour MPs who voted against him will only be shut in a cupboard for 28 days.

I was almost correct in what I wrote in Wednesday's column prior to the terror law debate.

Yes, I said Blair would get his bum spanked if he refused to budge from the 90 days clause but I wrongly assumed he would

Dying on a prayer

YOU'RE spoiled for choice on the car crash stakes in tonight's X Factor.

Maria is tackling the Rolling Stones' Brown Sugar while Journey South try to get away without murdering Bon Jovi's Living on a Prayer.

I've let out my sides already in a vain attempt to stop them splitting.

SMOKERS COP JOKE JOB BAN

A JOB in the North Wales police force is being advertised "for non smokers only". How can they do that? Smoking is not illegal in this country. So isn't this discrimination?

Whatever doofus came up with this idea would surely claim that smoking is something you choose to do. Of course it is, but it's also bloody difficult to give up.

The unit includes specialists like firearms, dog handlers, air support and road policing.

So ask yourself this. Do you want some cop running around with a gun who is stressed to high heaven and depressed because he's been made to give

up smoking to get that job? Chief Constable Richard Brunstrom said smoking "is a nasty and dangerous habit".

So is crime and if an officer catches the bloke who burgled my house I couldn't care less what he puffs in his spare time.

I COULDN'T agree more with the piece in this paper saying there have been scarier scenes in children's movies than the new Harry Potter.

Those flying monkeys from The Wizard of Oz still have me gazing at the sky when I go out.

I can't eat sweets because of my fear of the Childcatcher in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. And as for Spiceworld the Movie...

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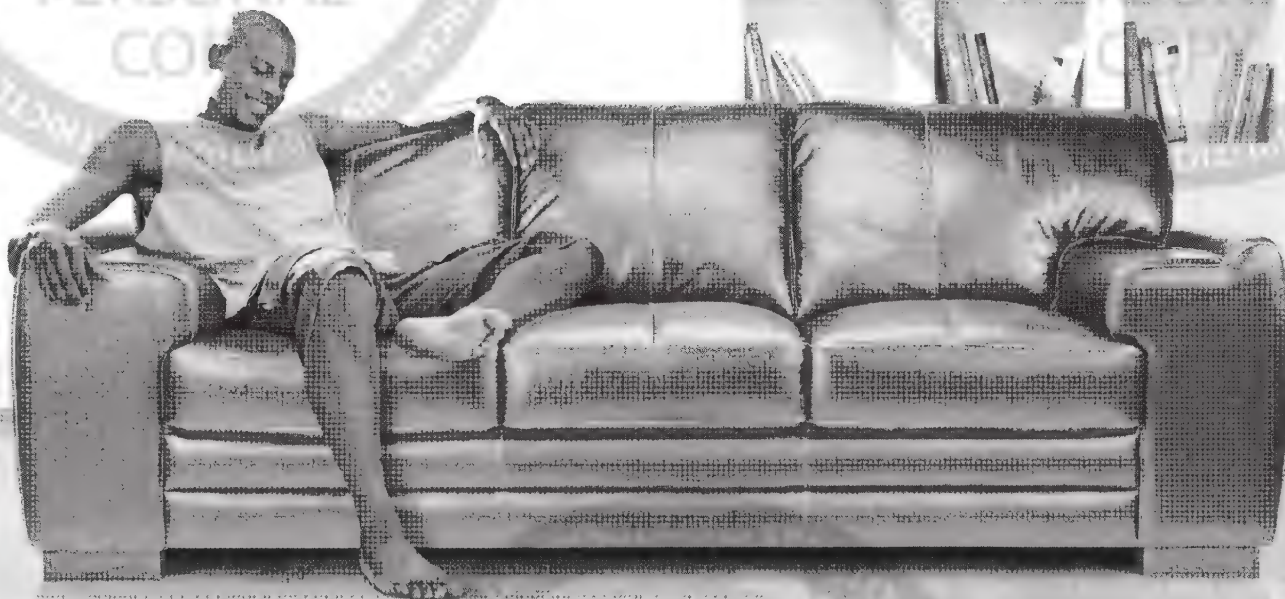
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Villagers fear Moss will make life a misery

KEEP OUT KATE



PARTY GIRL: Kate upset some of her neighbours with noisy nights at her home - but ex-boyfriend Johnny Depp, right, is standing by her

SHAMED supermodel Kate Moss is getting up the noses of her neighbours.

They are furious that she plans to move back to their Cotswolds village next month after being treated for cocaine addiction.

Locals in Little Faringdon, Oxfordshire, fear Kate - who is dating junkie rocker Pete Doherty, 26 - may resume her old lifestyle.

And they worry that her vow to reside quietly in the country may fail.

Widow Sylvia Griffiths, 82, who lives 100 yards from Kate's farmhouse, said: "Since she moved here the whole atmosphere of the place has changed."

"I have been disturbed late at night by her parties."

"She got a drum kit for Christmas last year and kept everyone up banging it."

The frail pensioner added: "I don't think I am alone in my fears."

"A lot of people here might be too scared to speak out but I'm not."

"Kate attracts attention wherever she goes. This is

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a village where people come to enjoy the quiet life.

"It's not a place for someone like her."

Another resident, who did not want to be named, said: "Kate might have money but she keeps dubious company."

"I can't believe she wants to come here and live quietly. In my opinion, a leopard doesn't change its spots."

Kate, 31, recently released from a US rehab clinic, is believed to be moving into the house permanently with her daughter Lila Grace, three.

Damaged

She bought palatial, 17th century Church Farm for £2 million last year.

It is just a few miles from Walnut Tree Cottage, the property she allegedly damaged while renting three years ago.

But one of her celeb ex-boyfriends is rooting for her.

Pirates Of The Caribbean star Johnny Depp, 42, told GMTV yesterday: "I have been concerned for her, hoping that she was OK and that she and her baby were OK."

"She's super - sharp, really smart and she's got a great heart."

"She's a good mummy... and she just happens to be human."

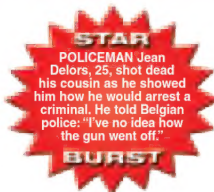
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Money spinner

A GAY couple who scooped almost £1 million on the lottery thanked a lucky money spider for the win yesterday. Martyn Frost, 39, and Christopher Grundy, 36, who run an antique shop in Prestwich, Greater Manchester, landed the cash in Wednesday night's draw.

A delighted Christopher said: "The spider came down from its web and landed on us. It was obviously a very lucky spider."



Sex of the best

CURVES are officially in again with well-rounded babes taking all the top spots in a sexiest-ever bodies poll.

The Weight Watchers survey voted Marilyn Monroe as the top bod of the 1950s, Sophia Loren for the 60s and Wonderwoman Lynda Carter for the 70s.

Olivia Newton John was tops in the 1980s, Titanic's Kate Winslet in the 1990s and Daily Star discovery Kelly Brook is No 1 now.

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Xtina's a show topper

by NADINE LINGE

★ HAT a girl! Singer Christina Aguilera looked just Beautiful as she strutted her stuff on stage in South Africa. The 24-year-old star dressed up like a circus ringmaster in top hat, waistcoat and red sash to perform in front of a packed stadium of fans in Johannesburg.

★ Sexy Christina, soon to tie the knot with music mogul Jordan Bratman, 26, belted out chart hits including *Dirty* and *Beautiful* and thrilled the crowd with a series of cheeky dance moves.

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